

It is said that the departure of many Italians for their native land to take part in the war is threatening a labor shortage in the manufacturing towns across the river from St. Louis. Let them go, it would give those 14,000 idle workmen in St. Louis a chance to get jobs.

The Sikeston (Mo.) Herald is for sale, because the editor says he's got too much religion to continue running a newspaper. Pure hypocrisy! No man ever becomes too good to run a good newspaper, and a good newspaper is as much a moral force as a good preacher. The attitude of that Sikeston editor would indicate that he is afflicted with an ingrowing and ossified ego.

The DeSoto Republican mentions Hon. John E. Swanger, former Secretary of State, as a good man for Missouri Republicans to consider in connection with the party's nomination for Governor next year. That strikes us right. Mr. Swanger not only would be about the strongest man the party could nominate, but is also one of the most capable men for the office.

These glorious rains assure good crops, and good crops assure prosperity. The clouds which bring the rains, enwrap in gloom the soul of the calamity howler—which is bad.—Ironton Register.

Well, well! so its the rains that assure prosperity. From the tone of the Register in the past we had the idea that it was being brought about by the Wilson administration.

Starved into surrendering Przemysla couple of months ago, the Austrians have just driven the Russians out of that stronghold with some vigorous work with the cannon and bayonet. Russia has suffered so many telling reverses lately that it may be assumed that she is beaten, and would be ready to make peace were she not tied up by England in an agreement not to sue for peace until England and France agree to it.

The chief reason why the state's expenses are so high at present is that the Democratic office holders up at Jeff City are such good spenders, and State Treasurer Deal was quite right when he came forward last winter with the statement that the various Democratic officials were spending much more money in running their departments than was spent by their Republican predecessors. The House Investigating Committee, which has just overhauled the expenditures of the State Insurance Commissioner, finds that the present incumbent of that office spent nearly \$14,000 more in the past two years than the Republican incumbent did in 1911 and 1912. Whenever Commissioner Blake, Republican, traveled on official business, his expenses for lodging and meals averaged \$3.27 a day. When Commissioner Revelle, Democrat, goes about on the same business his board and lodging bills average \$7.09 a day or a little more than double what it cost Mr. Blake. The cost of living, when the state pays for it, seems to be going up pretty fast under Democratic rule. Turn the rascals out.

What does President Wilson mean to do with Mexico in the event that the revolutionary leaders down there tell him to mind his own business? This is pretty certain to be their reply to his demand upon them to settle their differences at once and restore the conditions of the country to a peaceable basis. President Huerta handed Mr. Wilson that kind of a reply, and Mexicans are all pretty much alike. Should this government undertake to intervene in Mexico, it could do so effectively only by force of arms, and then it would have to occupy the country with a permanent army to maintain peaceable conditions. We are told that Mexico has a population of more than 15,000,000, and out of this number only some 150,000

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JAMES A. SHIELDS, Secretary.

are participating in the factional wars of the country. If these figures are correct, it seems to us that if the Mexican people are unhappy and in distress through the disturbances caused by the revolutionary element, there are quite enough of them to take the problem of restraining the recalcitrant element and restoring peace in the land. One thing sticks out pretty clear to us and that is, if the United States is going to set up as the mentor of other nations as to how they shall manage their own affairs, and undertake disciplinary measures against all who resent our interference, your Uncle Samuel is going to have his hands full.

#### An "Untrained Mob."

"As compared with the Republicans we are an untrained mob, with little knowledge of parliamentary law and with very little effective knowledge of the rules."

Senator Tillman, Democratic senator from South Carolina, spoke these words in an address to the United States Senate. In the light of subsequent events they have become a warning and a prophecy.

The laws enacted during the last two years are crude and faulty to the last degree. As illustrative of this fact, a few notable examples of the many blunders contained in the tariff bill alone have been hitherto published.

"Lest we forget," a brief summary of these examples follows, merely to emphasize the general principle of inaccuracy prevailing in the Democratic laws:

1. The tariff bill as a whole was a blunder, because it was a revenue measure that produced many millions of dollars less than were needed, a depleted treasury being the result.

2. The provision for a five per cent discount in duties on merchandise imported in American vessels, involving millions of dol-

lars, was declared inoperative by the Attorney General over a year ago, and went to the Court of Customs Appeals.

3. Another provision affecting hundreds of business concerns is before the same court because of the insertion of an obscure phrase that neither customs officials, lawyers or business men affected could understand.

4. A vital provision in the income tax law, a part of the tariff bill, relating to deductions allowed in computing gross income, must go to the courts like hundreds of others.

5. The entire income tax provision has been pronounced by the Taxation Committee of the American Bar Association, a non-partisan body, "as open to the gravest objections both in structure and specific defects," twenty-five imperfections being pointed out.

6. Necessity for amending this law has forced administration officials to the work of formulating a report of its crudities as a basis for amendment by Congress.

On innumerable occasions during the debate on the tariff and other bills, Republican floor-leader James R. Mann, of Illinois, cautioned the majority to use greater care, and gave one reason for the dividing line between the two sides of the House as "a lack of information" on the part of the Democrats.

Like Senator Tillman's utterance, these words have assumed prophetic meaning. Literally hundreds of other blunders in the tariff bill might be cited. Typical examples have been referred to because they show the logical results that followed the employment of slovenly, inaccurate methods of legislation.

Practically every important statute passed by the present administration is likewise honey-combed with needless imperfections, that must be corrected by expensive legal procedure or legislative action. They are facts

with which everyone should become familiar, and with that object in view the subject will be dealt with in future articles.

#### Queer Quirks of News.

Joplin, Mo.—When William Lewis Miller, 101 years old, applied for a marriage license recently, he discovered that he did not know the name of the prospective bride. "She is the widow who has been keeping house for me, but I don't know her name," he explained. He was sent home to find out the bride's cognomen.

Seymour, Ind.—George Zimmerman is what one might call lucky. He drove to town in a hurry to get some medicine for his child. As he reached town he remembered that he had forgotten to bring any money with him. Reaching under the wagon seat for a hitching strap he found a hen sitting on a nest of eggs. He sold the hen and eggs for enough to get the medicine.

Kansas City, Kan.—They continue to be born at the rate of one every minute. Mrs. Della Freeman, a widow, advertised for a husband. She asked those who replied to advance car fare so that she might go and visit them. Thirty did so. Mrs. Freeman did not go a-visiting nor did she refund the money. That is why she was fined \$1,000.

#### Flies Avoid Blue.

A French scientist is authority for the statement that flies have a distinct objection to the color blue. This was first discovered by a farmer who keeps a large number of cows in several sheds. One of these sheds happened to be painted blue on the inside, and in this the cows were little troubled by flies. He blueed the walls and thus protected all his cows. French farmers in the vicinity are now adding a blue coloring to their white-wash. Their for-

mula is as follows: To twenty gallons of water add ten pounds of slacked lime and one pound of ultramarine. The walls are tinted twice during the summer.

#### If You Don't Believe It, Try It.

"It pays to advertise" is as good a saying for the farmer as for the business man in town, according to F. W. Habicht, a prominent Iowa farmer, living near Avoca. That was his testimony given at the conclusion of a talk on advertising for the farmer by F. W. Beckman at the annual farmers' short course at Iowa State College. "I have just written a post card to the editor of the Avoca Journal," said Mr. Habicht, "asking him to change an ad I had in his last issue because most of the stuff advertised was sold the day after the paper came out. I put in an ad offering for sale a calf, some choice hogs and poultry. About half of it was sold to advantage 24 hours afterwards. I would not be surprised if the rest of it were gone when I get home. An ad in the home paper always helps me sell my stuff."

#### Largest Chain Drive.

The largest chain drive in existence, three times greater in size than any previously built, is to be found at the Cox Power plant, on Snake river, Coeur d'Alene, Ore. The plant consists of a 2,600 horsepower generator, operated by two water-wheel units, each consisting of two pairs of water wheels of the run-of-river type, operating under a 21-foot head. The speed of the water wheels is 177 revolutions per minute, and each water-wheel unit is connected to the generator by four Morse chains, each 21 inches wide, the sprockets on the line shafting having a two-inch pitch, and the shaft centers being ten feet apart.—Scientific American.

#### Miniature Dreadnaught.

A Massachusetts man has built a miniature dreadnaught 13 feet in length, which has all the features of a real battleship, including guns that fire, range finders, wireless instruments, gunners, and even a band that plays martial music. The vessel is propelled by electricity, can make ten miles an hour in smooth water and cost its constructor \$15,000.—The Outlook.

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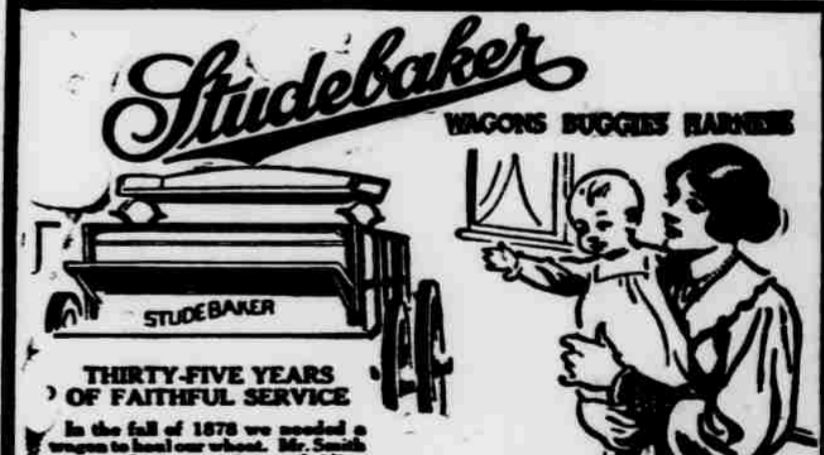
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